during the last three years to identify deposits of Minerals in Rajasthan as well as in the State of Orissa;

(b) if so, the areas surveyed so far in each State, indicating mineral deposit identified till date in each State;

(c) whether any offer for exploration/exploitation of minerals in these States has been received from any foreign agency; and

(d) if so, what is the present stage of negotiations and by when award/contract likely to be given to outside agencies by the respective States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In Orissa coal deposits have been located in Talcher and IB river Coal fields, gold prospects in Keonjhar district; chromite deposits in Cuttack district and Manganese in Koraput district.

In Rajasthan prospetcs of lead-zinc in Udaipur, Bhilwara and Ajmer district, copper in Udaipur and Chittor district, gold in Banswara and Sirohi districts, Phosphorite in Udaipur district, Potash in Nagaur and Ganganagar districts and tungsten in Pali and Sirohi districts have been established.

(c) Government of Orissa have received offers for development of iron ore deposits of Orissa from: (i) RTZ (M&E) Ltd., London, (ii) BHP, Australia, (iii) UDI, Eisenburg, Hongkong and discussions are also going on with the following: (i) CARE Pvt. Ltd., Australia, (ii) AMIL, Australia, (iii) De Beers Centenary, Switzerland, (iv) Leader Mining Co., Canada, (v) CRP Ltd., Australia for exploration and exploitation of diamonds in Orissa with the State Government.

Offers for exploration of basemetals in Rajasthan have been received by GSI from BRGM, France. A collaborative programme for copper in Khetri and consultancy work for lead-zinc in Rajasthan is already approved. BHP Minerals, Australia has also offered assistance for re-processing of Aeromagnetic Data.

(d) Question of the State Govt. awarding any contract/award will arise only if their officers are found advantageous.

Exploiting Grants from Mines

1668. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the states where deposits of granite are located.

(b) what are the sites of granite mines in Maharashtra; and

(c) what steps are being taken to exploit granite mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Granite deposits located in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil, Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(b) The granite mines are located in Sindhudurge, Nanded, Bhandara, Thane, Gadchiroli, Chandrapur, Nagpur Districts of Maharashtra.

(c) To encourage exploitation of granite mines in the state, Government of Maharashtra has taken the following policy decisions:—

(i) Lease will be granted to an applicant who has got 100 per cent EOU or propose to instal within three years from the date of grant of lease within Maharashtra State.

(ii) First come first served basis persons proposing or having 100 per cent EOU.

(iii) Maximum area will be granted for black granite is 50 hectares and for colour and other granite is 100 hects.

(iv) The lease will be granted for 15 years with subsequent two renewals for like period.

(v) The rate of royalty will range from Rs. 300 per cubic metre for black granite to Rs. 200 cubic metre for colour granite.

(vi) An annual dead rent of Rs. 10,000 per hectares will be charged if the lease holders fail to develop their mines within the prescribed time limit.

Production of granite

1669. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production of granite in India in terms of quantity and value annually;

(b) what quantity of granite out of this is exported annually;

(c) whether any quantity of granite is imported also if so, how much is imported annually; and

(d) what is our quality of granite as compared to that of produced abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (c) The total production, exports and imports of granite in India in quantity and value during the years 1990-91, 1991-92 &1992-93 are as given below:—

Year	Production		Exports		Imports	
	Qty. in thousand tonnes	Value in Rs. crores.	Qty. in tonnes	Value in Rs. lakhs	Qty. in tonnes	Value in Rs. lakhs
1990-91	1285	N.A.	636808	24233	649	57
1991-92	1012	N.A.	714951	37611	917	289
1992-93	992	289*	1223270	50397	106	18

N.A.—Not available

*excluding value of production in Tamil Nadu.

(d) No comparative study of quality of granite produced abroad and in India seems to have been made. However large number of popular colours, varities and grades of Indian granite are in demand in the international market.

Mineral concession for NMDC

1670. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to cancel or withdraw the mineral concessions for NMDC in respect of iron ore in the Kumaraswamy mines near Saudur in Bellary district of Karnataka and to transfer the concessions to M/s. Jindals;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have received a memorandum submitted by the workers of Donimalai Iron Ore Project Employees Association to the Prime Minister protesting against this move; and

(d) if so, the details and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) There is no such proposal under Central Government's consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Donimalai Iron Ore Project Employees' Association, in their memorandum dated 7-5-1994 submitted to Prime Minister of India have protested